

Editor's Preface

Immediately prior to the 1998 meeting of the Society for Disability Studies, all past, current, and ex-officio Board members (including the DSQ editor) were invited to a planning retreat. We were asked to write our thoughts on disability studies and where we wanted to see the field and SDS go in the future. We decided to publish our statements in the Winter 1999 issue of Disability Studies Quarterly.

This issue of DSQ contains the statements submitted for the retreat. Not everyone wrote a statement, but at the retreat we all actively discussed and debated. Those participants who wrote a statement were given the opportunity to polish and revise as much as they wanted. However, we agreed that our statements would still contain the original flavor of what we wanted to say. I have edited the pieces only for clarity and some conformity to DSQ style. Unlike contributed articles contractions and slang were not changed. In these pieces they help set the tone of the writings. In each case the opinions expressed are those of the individual and not the organization with which they are identified.

There are fourteen statements printed below in alphabetical order of the writer's surname. Some are short and succinct. Others are longer and complex. They represent the collective reflections and future recommendations of the participants on the field of disability studies and the Society. Reactions and comments are invited from the readership. They will be printed in the Winter 2000 issue or sooner. Please read these statements carefully and ponder the questions they raise.

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In September 1994 (three months before his death) Irv Zola began plans to publish *Meaningful Relationships/Moments in Time*, an autobiographical collection of 21 short stories all of which carry a disability theme. A copy of this treasure may be obtained in exchange for donations (\$10 is suggested) to Boston Self Help Center, or to Friends of Howe Library (where Irv's books and papers are being archived for use by the public), or to Disability Studies Quarterly. Send your check to Irv's wife: Judy Norsigian, 43 Waban Hill Rd. N., Newton, MA 02167. Please remember to include your name and address.

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